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Independent Journalism-Our Correspondents, and their Ideas of the Same. We are in receipt of several communicagestions, touching the manner in which we should conduct the Passa in order to please the largest number of people, and render the enterprise which we have undertaken remunerative. They are doubtless all kindly meant, as they are indulgently received. They are precious in at least one respect, giving us to understand that we are not without well-wishers among the people, to whom we are to look for support; and perhaps we can not do better than to devote a moderate space to a few suggestions that may stand as a general response not only to present but to future epistles.

Our friendly correspondents are all in favor of an independent newspaper, and they congratulate themselves upon the prospect of finding a thing so uncommon at once and so desirable, in the future Passs. They pay us certain delicate compliments in respect to our "known ability and integrity," and do not hesitate to say that we have gained a reputation for Journalistic skill and ability truly desirable. They make no secret of their dislike; nay, they use a stronger word, contempt of the flunkevism and venality by which, as they aver, several of our cotemporaries are chiefly distinguished, and do not doubt that by the pursuit of a different policy we shall, in the end, realize a large measure of success.

In this obstinate "but" lies the pith and marrow of our friends' epistles. But there are certain subjects with which-so they advise-as we value our peace of mind, our hopes of usefulness, and-what seems to occupy a pretty large place in their esteemour prospects of opulence, we had better not intermeddle. One cautions us against any approach to topics esteemed within the province of religion; another thinks we should by all means let moral subjects alone; a third esteems the marriage relation too delicate a thing to be spoken of in a newspaper; several are fully convinced that we have already lost ground with the good, the virtuous and the pious by admitting that the Rev. Conway was courageous to affirm that Thomas Payne was a great man and deserved well of his country and mankind. These are all presented to us as tender points which we can not touch without danger of a financial crisis in our concern: and therefore-and so forth, and so

An independent newspaper whose conductors, through fear of a loss of pence, should eschew the discussion of religious, moral, social and personal topics, would be a strange affair, rather. There are such newspapers in the world; but people seldom call them independent. There are those which approximate to this style of performance in this city; but we do not, at this present writing, intend to add to the number. They who like them are at liberty to take them and fructify by their perusal

We suspect that the difficulty with some of our correspondents is not so much in the fact that we may take up subjects of a religious and moral character, as in the fear that in their treatment we may express views at variance with their own. Their admiration of independence is contingent upon the question whether or not the journalist agrees with themselves, and gives his support to the very creed, and system of ethics and theology to which they are attached. Independence that goes with them they admire; independence that takes a different direction is dangerous and unprofitable. Thank you, gentlemen. We remember the story of the old man and boy, and the ass, the moral of which is that

faithfulness will we, as the spirit thall move, give it entertainment. Religion and morals -in which last politics and social interests are included-are the great topics of importance to mankind; and of them we do not intend to lose sight until our accounts are closed either by the Sheriff on our adminishe believes, we shall be forced, in order to treat them instructively and entertainingly, to follow the voice of our own sincere and earnest convictions. To these we will promise to be faithful; beyond this no man can make pledges without putting in jeopardy that which all our friends appear so much to esteem-our independence.

Coxicological Expansion. Mr. Cox has been expanding himself in Congress in favor of national expansion. He wanted to extend our protection over Mexico. A Texan member reminded Mr. Cox that we had better protect our own territory first. Mr. Cox's ideas of expansion have changed, radically. At the first of the session he made a speech against a portion of his own State, and expressed a wish that the Reserve were cut off and annexed to Canada, because of an unfortunate prejudice the Reserve people had against the Democratic ticket. Mr. Cox's idea of national expansion is like the Irishman's expanding his blanket to make it cover himself, by cutting off from the head and sowing on to the foot. He would cut off the people of Northern Ohio and annex the Greasers and mixed races of Mexico.

Discussions upon points of religious faith by Christian bodies are always important, involving as they do matters of so much moment to the here and the hereafter. A conference in Maryland is having great trouble over the question, whether in giving out a hymn by the process of "lining," it is right for the minister to read but two lines at a time or the whole stanza at once. Whether the church will divide upon the question, as a German organization did once upon a dispute whether it was more evangelical to fasten one's coat with buttons in front or with hooks and eyes, is yet undetermined.

GOOD FOR THIS LATITUDE.-Referring to the extraordinary mode of getting the "unfortunates" (women) of the Haymarket, London, together, adopted by Mr. Baptist Noel and other benevolent gentlemen, "An Englishwoman" says, in a letter to the London

"Might I venture to suggest that a meeting should be called of the other sex, that they may be lectured and prayed with about the awful sin and misery that lie at their door? I will bear my share of the necessary tea and toast. When the demand ceases the supply will soon be stopped."

German Know-Nothingism.

requisites, laid down by the Volksblatt, for the Republican candidate for the Presidency:

othingism.
"He should rest under no suspicion of ever having made coalition with the Ro

We suppose that the latter clause is intended to exclude all Roman Catholics, as they, to minds capable of making suspicion a test, would always be liable to this suspicion; and it is probable that, being a Roman sm. Know-Nothingism is made the unpardonable sin, yet the chief enormity of Know-Nothingism was thought to be its proscrip-

the Volksblatt would build up in its place. beating the Democratic party, drew men into ance. leading organizations.

The rabies which the ghost of this defunct mans would be a curiosity, if it were not explained by this counter fanaticism. Do the German Republicans wish to build up the fective way than this for that purpose; and this would justify it in self-defense. If Germans exhort each other to combine to defend themselves against Know-Nothing proscripion, shall not Roman Catholics also combine to defend themselves against German Republican proscription? What would our political contests become under such religious intolerance as the Volksblatt desires?

It is time that the ghost of Know-Nothingism was allayed. It has been used as a scare-crow to frighten the Germans from their propriety long enough. This very use has kept the relics of it in existence after they had come unwholesome. Are there no living political questions, that German Republicanism must expend its force on this dead game? And is its hatred of Know-Nothingism merely that of a rival in religious intoler-

Popular Sovereignty Triumphant. The Mormon question will soon be restored Extraordinary Criminal Suit-Remarkable

to the position it held before Mr. Buchanan 'settled" it. Two of the Judges-Cradlebaugh and Sinclair-have abandoned the Territory and are at Washington, whining, beause legal process is not summary enough in Utah to suit their views. The third, Judge Eckles, has resigned. Mr. Hartnett, the Secretary, resigned on account of declining health, and is since dead. The only Federal officers on duty in Utah are Governor Cumming and Mr. Dodson, the Marshal. The military have been ordered to the Mexican frontier; and after the expenditure of millions in a military expedition, which owed its admission into Salt Lake City to a volun-teer peace embassador, and which furnished In 1855 Mr. Patterson thought he had got

Congress is now agitating a law to regulate the number of their wives. This is carrying out the plank in the Republican platform against those "twin relics of barbarian-tam." The legitimate field of the newspaper is as wide as the world; nor are we disposed to contract it. Whatever is interesting to humanity concerns us; and in honesty and honesty a the Republicans, or at least the conservative portion of them who are represented by the Gazette, propose to regard slavery as sacred where it is already established by local law, we suppose, of course, that polygamy will be treated to the same consideration. Thus, according to the Republican platform, potrators. And as these subjects can never be lygamy will be, like its "twin relie," slavery, properly treated except the writer writes as quite unobjectionable where it is, but very sobjectionable where it isn't. Such are the objectionable where it isn't. Such are the

mysterious ways of political "principles." Mr. Douglas, who looks at every question from the stand-point of the perfect right of the people of every locality to regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, goes for abolishing the polygamous "twin" by repealing the territorial law, and turning the territory out to grass, so as to

to settle, when the contract matured, by paying or receiving the difference between the contract and the market price; that is, Mr. Little would bet that stocks would decline to a certain price by a certain day, and the man with whom he dealt bet that they would not. These gambling debts are now enforced by law in New York, whereat, until recently, they depended entirely on the honor of the dealer. Mr. Little has failed often and has settled easily with his creditors, but this is the first occasion he has had where these creditors could hold him legally.

BODY OF A BURIED WOMAN FOUND PERFECT AFFER SIXTY YEARS.—On Saturday afternoon, says the Baltimore Clipper, the body of a woman was exhumed, and with the exception of the head, arms and a portion of the breast, was as perfect as in 15t. On the tomb-stone at the head of the grave could be traced, "died 1795, aged 51 years and 23 days." The body was of a waxy substance, and a light brown color. Bylong immersion in water or spirits, or by burial in moist places under peculiar circumstances, the muscular fibres are converted into a hard fatty substance, which gives to the body a natural appearance. The body above referred to, when first exhumed, was from the breast to the thighs as hard as stone, but began crumbling when exposed to the air.

Such instances are not uncommon, and are well understood by medical men.

The War With Mexico. The prompt and vigorous action of our naval officers at Vera Cruz seems to have been pased on the idea that our government wa n full alliance, offensive and defensive, with "He should not be a man who has ever in full alliance, offensive and defansive, with een guilty of any participation in Know- the Juarez party in Mexico. The vessels captured by our navy were chartered by Miramon at Havana, to assist in the reduction of Vera Cruz, against which he was marching with a force of five thousand men. Justez declared this naval expedition piratical. He undoubtedly had a right to declare it what he

pleased, but this did not make it piratical to us. An excuse is offered that the Spanish ves-Catholic, would be regarded as the "conli- sel fired the first shot; but as it is shown that tion" itself. These paradoxical requisites are the United States forces were in readiness to one of the curiosities of German Republican- aid Jaurez in defending Vera Cruz against Miramon, and that the United States vessels and the Indianola, then under charter by Jaurez, acted in concert in overhauling the tion of Roman Catholics from office, intro- Spanish vessel, the Indianola conveying a ducing religious tests into polities. But the detachment of our men, it is not probable Volkeblatt cuts off any participation in that this point was regarded as important, or Know-Nothingism from all forgiveness, and at all affected the result. One of our vessels in the same breath sets up the same religious fired a shot to bring to the Spanish vessel, and one of them returned the fire, one shot hav-The Know-Nothing order was nothing but | ing, so far as related, done no more damage joke, compared with the fanaticism which than the other; but upon this the United States vessels began the battle in earnest, The mystery of the thing and its success in and captured the others, with but little resist-

it as easily as they have recently been drawn It is difficult to see what cause our pays into the order of the Sons of Malta, and with | had for interfering, but probably it was setas little regard for its oaths and religious or | tled by the President's instructions that we foreign proscription. If it had been founded | were to take part with Juarez against any atn fanaticism, would it have dropped so sud- tack. Miramon certainly had a perfect right denly into its original elements? all but a to bring vessels from Havana to his aid. But few who were fools enough to believe in it, it seems by other circumstances that the ator who found the small balance of power bet- tack on the vessels was only an incident of a ter political capital to trade on, than their course previously resolved on; for it is an- and he weight would entitle them to in either of the nounced that our naval officers were instructed to land troops for the defense of Vera Cruz against Miramon, unless he would guarand ghastly political joke can excite in Ger- antee the safety of all property in Vera Cruz belonging to United States citizens.

This is a novel requisition of a party at war. It has not been usual to require it, and Roman Catholics into a political power in our Government in its bombardment of this nation? They could devise no more ef- Greytown quite neglected to guarantee the safety of the property of citizens of other countries, as well as refused to pay for any of it afterward. It is not difficult to believe that this unusual, unwarranted and impracticable demand was to make a pretext for our vessels to enter into this war. The citizens of Vera Cruz have been busy for some time removing their property beyond the city, in anticipation of attack, and it hardly seems reasonable that foreign residents should be placed on any better footing than citizens themselves.

War already exists, and it will be said, as before, "by the act of Mexico." But the war is solely the President's, and it is yet to be seen whether Congress will insist on its prerogative-the war-making power, or will submissively yield it, as before. In that case it will hardly be necessary hereafter to refer to Congress as having the sole power to declare war.

Instance of Confusion of Personal Iden-

A correspondent of the Bristol (Tenn.) News, writing from Elizabethton, Ky., gives the following particulars in regard to a case tried at the late term of the Circuit Court:

In the month of June, 1845, a negro-trader came to the town of Elizabethton, and purchased a negro girl of one Samuel B. Patterson. The trader called himself John Thomas, of Bowling Green, Ky. It appeared that he paid Patterson for his slave five one hundred dollar bills, purporting to be money issued by the South-western Railroad and Banking Company, Charleston, S. C. The money was soon found out to be fraudulent and worth-less, but Mr. Thomas had left immediately admission into Salt Lake City to a volun- with the slave, and was not heard of for

boundless plunder to army contractors, the Mormons are abandoned to the regulation of their own affairs, and the Mormon question is in statu quo.

In 1855 Mr. Patterson thought he mad got on the trail of Thomas, and in Claiborne County, Tenn., he found a man so fully answering the description of the trader that he had him arrested and brought to trial. The name of the accused is George H. Cheek, and he scalemaly average at the arrest that he by a number of warrants, judgments and executions that he was in Claiborne County, Tenn., ninety-five miles distant from Elizabethton the very day it was alleged he had bought the slave. An authenticated transcript from Claiborne County Court shows that he was acting Justice of the Péace for that county in 1845, and these old documents were brought in the transcript of the peace up to show that he was either possessed of ubiquity, or could not have been in Carter County at the time John Thomas bought the

Petrolium, or Rock Oil. This spontaneous product of mother earth seems to be more abundant than useful. The

New York Evening Post thus describes some of its qualities: The smell of this oil is pungent, and no process has yet been discovered by which it can be removed. In some cases, indeed, the odor is so powerful as to render it almost unendurable. The oil obtained in the neighborturning the territory out to grass, so as to make grass-widows of the superfluous wives. Such are the unaccountable sequences of the doctrine of popular sovereignty, pure and simple, or the right of the people of a Territory, "the same as a State" (1) to regulate their domestic institutions in their own way!

Stock Gambling.

The failure of E. B. Little & Co., of New York, of which firm Jacob Little is a partner, is one of the first that has occurred among the stock-dealers since time-contracts for the sale of stocks have been recognized by law. Mr. Little agreed to deliver stocks at low rates, on time. He contracted millions of stock in this way when he had not a dollar, nor did he expect to have any. He expected to settle, when the contract matured, by pay-

Journalism in New York.

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The Evening Post says:

"There are now, therefore, three new daily papers projected. The one announced by Harper's Weeklg, a newspaper without the news; the one announced as projected by the proprietors of the Churchman, a religious daily; and lastly, the new business paper, a morning daily, of which Mr. J. R. Spalding, formerly of the Courier and Enquirer, is to be the editor-in-chief, and Mr. Alexander Cummins, formerly one of the proprietors of the Philadelphia Evening Buttetin, the publisher. The last of these projected papers appears to have more elements of success than either of the others above mentioned. The capital is large, considerably more than one hundred thousand dollars; their building is leased, on the corner of Beekman-street and Park-row, and their presses in process of construction. We learn that in a few days the proprietors of this paper will announce their plan and the day of publication.

A House Blows to Pieces by a Gas Exprosion. The Buffalo Express says that a terrific explosion of gas took place in that city the other evening, in a house on Main-street, which startled the whole of that part of the town. A Mr. Lohouse and wife had been absent during the day, and on returning in the evening found their rooms filled with gas. They very thoughtlessly struck a match, when the gas instantly exploded, tearing the house in pieces and very severely injuring Mr. Lohouse.

Alleged Persecution of Free Negroes in the United States - An Appeal to Christians

Throughout the World.

The following manifesto appears in the The following manifesto appears in the English papers received by the last steamer:

"In consequence of a law passed by the Legislature of Arkansas, compelling the free colored people either to leave the State or to be enflaved, we, a number of exiles, driven out by this inhuman statute, who reached Ohio on the 3d of January, 1860, feeling a deep sense of the wrong done us, make this appeal to the Christian world. We appeal to you, as children of a common father, and believers in a crucified Redeemer. To-day we are exiles, driven from the homes of our childhood, the scenes of our youth, and the burial places of our friends. We are exiles, not that our hands have been stained with guilt, or our lives accused of crime. Our fault, in a land of Bibles and Churchea, of baptisms and prayers, is, that in our veins flows the blood of an outcast race—a race cradled in wrong and nurtured in oppression. In the very depth of winter we have left a genial climate of sunny skies to be homeless strangers in the regions of the icy North.

"Some of the exiles have left children who were very dear; but to stay with them was to involve ourselves in a lifetime of slavery. Some left dear companions; they were enslaved, and we had no other alternative than shavery or exile. We were weak; our op-English papers received by the last steamer;

Some left dear companions; they were en-slaved, and we had no other alternative than slavery or exile. We were weak; our op-pressors were strong; we were feeble, scat-tered, peeled; they being powerful, placed before us slavery or banishment. We chose the latter. Poverty, trials, and all the cares incident to a life of freedom are better, far better than slavery. From this terrible in-justice we appeal to the moral sentiment of the world. We turn to the free North; but even here oppression iracks our steps. Indi-ana shut her doors upon us. Illinois denies the world. We turn to the free North; but even here oppression tracks our steps. Indiana shuts her doors upon us. Illinois denies us admission to her prairie homes. Oregon refuses us an abiding place for the soles of our weary feet. And even Minnesota has our exclusion under consideration. In Ohio we found kind hearts; hospitality opened her doors; generous hands reached out a warm and hearty welcome. For this, may the God of the fatherless ever defend and bless them! And now, Christians, we appeal to you, as heirs of the same heritage and children of the same Father, to protest against this gross heirs of the same heritage and children of the same Father, to protest against this gross and inhuman outrage, which has been com-mitted beneath the wing of the American Eagle, and in the shadow of the American Church. We ask you, by the love, the pity, and the mercy in the religion of Jesus Christ, that you will raise your voices and protest against this sin. Editors of newspapers, formers of public opinion, conductors of in-telligence and thought, we entreat you to in-sert this appeal in your papers, and unite your voices against this outrage which dis-graces our lind, and holds it up to shame be-fore the nations of the earth."

Additional Particulars of the Siege of Verr what we have received:

fore, ordered the Saratoga, with detachments from the Savannah and Preble, on the steam-ers Indianola and Wave, to proceed to the anchorage and ascertain the character of the anchorage and ascertain the character of the two strange steamers. As the Saratoga, towed by the Indianola, approached them they tried to escape, but were too late. Capt. Turner then sent a boat with a flag to demand the nationality of the steamers, when the boat was fired upon twice; whereupon the Saratoga fired a broadside into the General Micanous, and the action become Miramon, and the action became general. Both steamers now hoisted the Spanish flag, and, after a spiritual engagement, Marin sur-rendered, and withmost of his men was taken

prisoners.

The American loss is but three wounded, one of whom mortally. The Mexican loss is fifteen killed and twenty or thirty wounded. Miramon paid \$55,000 for the two steamers. Marin's steamers passed by all the foreign squadrons and the castle without hoisting a flag, although ordered to do so by a shot from the castle and other signals. The English, French and Spanish vessels-of-war did not notice the fact. The engagement took place by moonlight. y moonlight.

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The prisoners corroborate the report in relation to the steamers, that they cleared from Havana as merchantmen, and hoisted the Mexican flag only after they left that port, and subsequently mounted six guns.

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JAMES.—On Wednesday morning, March 21, Alice ora, infant daughter of Thomas James, aged one ear and four mouths. MOULINIER.—Of diptharia, on the morning of farch 31, Josephine Cecella, second child of Charle, and Heleni Moulinier, aged five years and twenty

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